

Northern Region Quality Improvement Committee

Meeting Dates:	April, 2010 May, 2010 June, 2010	Review and Action Plan	Follow-up
Dash Board Items/ Studies:			
Public Relations:	<u>April 2010</u> <u>May 2010</u> <u>June 30th, 2010</u>	<u>June 30, 2010</u> <u>Drug Endangered Conference:</u> Last year it was decided that instead of having the annual DEC (Drug Endangered Children) conference, they would help regions have their own conference to meet that region's specific needs. This committee will continue to gather information on how to put the conference together and decide whether or not to host the conference, Jean Marie Morris will continue to gather information and report back to this group.	
CPS Issues:	<u>April 2010</u> <u>May 2010</u>	<u>May 26, 2010</u> Due to the hiring freeze that is still in place, the vacant Ogden CPS supervisor position will not be filled. The workers from this team will be assigned to two different on-going teams. This will be the first time the Ogden office will have mixed teams with ongoing workers and CPS workers together. It has worked well in other offices and we anticipate it working well in Ogden too.	
QCR Participation:	QCR Results		

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Fatality Review:	None.		
Other Business:	Priority Focus Areas <u>April 28, 2010</u>	<u>April 28, 2010</u> <u>'Analyzing Disruptions' Project:</u> Craig Monson created a set of specific questions to ask regarding why a placement disrupted. The questions were designed specifically for the following people; the caseworker, foster and kin parent, Guardian ad Litem, and RFC (recourse family consultant). Craig will meet with Jean Marie Morris, region kinship specialist, to create a set of questions for kinship placements. The committee will split up into teams of two. Depending on how many teams are created will determine the amount of cases that will be reviewed. Most likely between 10 & 12. A summary sheet will be filled out by each team after the interviews are completed and submitted to Craig. He will then write up the conclusions.	<u>May 26, 2010</u> <u>Disruption Project:</u> The committee read through and discussed/made changes and suggestions to the questionnaire. The introduction will be key to setting the tone of the interviews. Fourteen teams, consisting of two committee members each, have been created so 14 cases will be pulled for this project. Mindy Lundgreen, from the Foster Care Foundation, will submit a write up regarding this project in their monthly Foster Roster that is sent to foster parents. Carol Baumann, Daryl Melton and Jean Marie Morris will get together to finalize the questionnaire and bring it to the meeting in June. Jeff Tesch will bring a presentation he has on interviewing techniques to the June meeting. <u>June 30, 2010</u> Jeff Tesch and Craig Monson went over various interviewing techniques, discussed how to build rapport between

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	<u>June 30, 2010</u>	<u>June 30, 2010</u> <u>Finding Families Project:</u> Pam Clark and Sarah Pomeroy are working on a case with a 14 year old boy who is part of a sibling group of 4. Two of his sibling have been adopted with different families. He has had multiple placements and is now in a group home. The biological mother has been located and communication with her has begun. Pam and Sarah will report back next month on what progress has been made.	interviewer and participant, discussed the importance of being non-judgmental, etc. Reviewed the set of questions one more time, made final suggestions. The committee asked to have the number of years the foster parent has been a foster parent and how many placements they've had during that time, included in the interviewing packet. The teams will meet next month for an hour to review each case pulled, then disperse to conduct the interviews. Will submit summary sheets to Craig Monson as soon as they're complete. Craig will create a spreadsheet which will include all the information from the summary sheets to present at the August meeting.